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Endowment Passes $260,000

THE J. G. Royer Memorial Endowment campaign of Mt. Morris College has ended. When the clock struck the midnight hour on the night of October first, the movement which was launched in the spring and which was so energetically and successfully pushed during the summer months by an able corps of workers, passed into history. It was with no little manifestation of enthusiasm that the result of the campaign was received in chapel the following morning by the students, faculty and friends of the school. Elder John Heckman of the Board of Trustees was present and gave, in a very few well chosen words, the statistical report of the endowment fund as it stood at the conclusion of the campaign period.

The last days of the campaign were days of unusual activity. Many of the friends of the school from coast to coast received eleventh hour appeals to join with those who had previously contributed and as a result pledges were received in large numbers by letter and by telegram. The figures as revised to time of present writing are as follows:

Pledges and cash received since April 30, 1917, less expense (producing interest)	$1 66,769
Pledges (non-productive)	23,350
Former endowment (productive)	20,000
Two dormitories (producing rent)	35,000
Other endowment (productive)	15,000
Total	$260,119

A quarter of a million dollars is not a small sum of money. To secure such a sum in relatively small contributions is not an easy task. The fact that a larger amount than this has already been obtained by Mt. Morris College as a permanent endowment fund is the best proof of the staunchness of its friends, who are many, all over the country. It is, after all, they who are responsible for this successful and highly satisfactory result. It is true that great credit is due to all those who worked hard and faithfully to secure these gifts. But the real bulwark of an institution of learning is not its trustees and its faculty. It is rather its students, its alumni and its other friends who respond to the call when there is need.

An endowment fund of $260,000 is a fitting memorial to the one who for twenty formative years of the history of this school served as its president. It was his great task to build with little financial aid and to so shape policies that a permanent Mt. Morris College may today serve the hundreds who come within her walls. Greater responsibilities than were his are today upon those who are directing this institution's affairs, because of the outcome of the summer's campaign. May each one upon whom responsibility falls be more than equal to his task and may the future of Mt. Morris College be large and full in service to all whom she touches!

What of the Future?

It has for some time been well understood that the future of M. M. C. depended upon the securing of a substantial endowment fund. The points in which she failed to measure up fully to the requirements for a standard college all centered about the one great question—that of adequate financial backing. Now that the desired endowment has been secured, the way is clear to attend to the various other matters which need improvement and it is the aim of trustees and faculty to meet as quickly as possible every requirement made by the state for standardization. It is impossible that this should all come to pass immediately. But there remains now no good reason why, in a very short time, the necessary improvements should not be made and our college be placed in the front ranks.

All of this means that the present is a time of transition in the history of the school. An era of greater usefulness is just opening up to her. The enrollment statistics of the past few years point conclusively to the fact that the Academy is passing to the background and that the College is coming into the greater prominence. In fact, at the present time the enrollment of College students is nearly double that of the Academic. While no attempt is being made to suppress the preparatory department, every effort is made to build up the collegiate, and the future will witness marked change in this direction.

With the coming of a Standard College the best interests of the students will be served. Those who have been students of M. M. C. in the past know how helpful their Alma Mater has been to them. Those who shall go out from the Standard Mount Morris College will know in the future, even better than do the students of the past, the benefit they have here received.

Some Faculty Changes

With the opening of the new year there have come some changes in the faculty of which we note the following:

Levi S. Shively, Ph. D., returns to us this year after an absence of two years to succeed Prof. C. S. Morris as head of the department of Mathematics. Prof. Shively has during the period of his absence been enrolled as a graduate student in the University of Chicago in the departments of Mathematics and Astronomy. He received from that institution the degrees A. M. in 1916 and Ph. D. in 1917.

E. L. Highbarger, A. B., is the new head of the department of Greek and Latin. After completing his college course here in 1908 he pursued graduate courses in Greek, Latin and other languages for a period of four years in Johns Hopkins University. After teaching classics four years in The Catholic University, Washington, D. C., he again spent a year in graduate study, this time in the University of Chicago, in which time he practically completed the requirements for the Ph. D. degree. His coming to M. M. C. has awakened an interest in the classics at this place which has not been equalled for some time.

Edna M. Robinson, Ph. D., comes to head the department of English. Miss Robinson is a graduate of the University of Chicago. Her first year of graduate work was done in the same institution from which she received the degree A. M. in Greek. She later entered Johns Hopkins University and after a period of two years' study there in the department of English, she received the degree Ph. D. in June 1917. She, also, has had successful teaching experience and brings to our school the enthusiasm of one who loves her work.

Genevieve L. Bergstresser, A. M., an alumnus of Coe College, succeeds Miss Bertha Reuter as head of the department of History. Miss Bergstresser's graduate work was done at the University of Chicago. At the autumn convocation 1917 she received there the degree A. M. in the department of History. The best recommendation a teacher can have is the one which comes from her students, and though she has been here but a few weeks, Miss Bergstresser's students will all testify that she is thorough and exacting in her work.

Amos R. Eikenberry, A. B., who graduated from the College last spring, has charge this year of the work in the department of Agriculture. Prof. Eikenberry has had some teaching experience at this place prior to this year. He has spent several summers at the University of Illinois and is well equipped to care for this department during the absence of Prof Harter.

Nora Reber, A. B., another member of last year's class, is well known here as a student. She returns to us this year to take charge of several of the courses in English. The summer was spent by her in the University of Chicago in special preparation for the work she teaches.

Athletics for 1917-1918

Arrangements have been made whereby the control of athletic activities of the college for the ensuing year shall be vested in the Y. M. C. A. This new arrangement does not involve a change of the general policy of the institution in regard to athletics but places the responsibility for the work where it rightfully belongs—in the hands of the proper student organization.

No college can safely fail to foster athletics in some form or other. The physical interests of the student must be cared for and the institution must not merely permit its students to engage in athletics, but must provide the means for the same, and insist upon the students availing themselves thereof. The business of studying is serious business. For this reason the students' physical recreation should be carefree and partake as much as possible of the nature of play.

To meet these needs and to develop a college spirit which can only be obtained in this way there are each year a number of inter-collegiate games in basket ball

and baseball between M. M. C. and other colleges of our state. In taking over the control of athletics, the Y. M. C. A. requires that only those who are among its members, and hence are young men of high Christian standards and ideals for which the Y. M. C. A. has always stood, shall represent this school on any athletic team. This gives abundant assurance that all intercollegiate games in which M. M. C. is concerned will be clean and fair. The effect of such athletics upon those who take part cannot be otherwise than wholesome, and the institution which is represented will stand higher than the average in the estimation of the spectator who may chance to see the game.

Our Lyceum Course

Fifteen years ago the College Lecture Course consisted of five numbers—four lectures and an entertainment demonstrating recent scientific advancement such as liquid air, wireless telegraphy, etc. The price of the season ticket was then the same as that of the present Lyceum Course which consists of more than three times as many numbers. The students and townspeople then felt that in these lectures they were obtaining high class entertainment at a very reasonable price.

In succeeding years the number of entertainments has steadily increased. It has always been the policy of the school to give to the patrons of the Course as much as possible for the money, with no thought of this being a source of profit. In this way the Lyceum Course has been built up so that it is doubtful if there is another to be found anywhere which gives as many good numbers for the money as does this one.

Both the people of the college and the people of the town have just cause to congratulate themselves upon the talent which is presented this year. The numbers which we shall have are individually of high character, and they are sufficiently varied to insure a fine series of winter evening entertainments.

As will be seen by glancing at the following list of the numbers on the Course, two of them are given by local college talent. The intercollegiate debate and the cantata by the college chorus have come to be permanent features of the school's activity and there is here afforded opportunity for all to hear these productions.

The talent of this year's Course with dates follows:

Metropolitan Serenaders	Oct. 15	Bostonia Sextette	Mar. 2
Kean	Nov. 1	The Castle Squares	Mar. 5
Kaffir Boys	Nov. 10	Mount Morris Concert Band	Mar. 16
Dudras	Dec. 11	Detective Loose	Date later
Mendelssohn's Sextette	Dec. 18	Dr. Seibert	Date later
Georgia Jubilee Quartette	Jan. 4	Kramer	Date later
Cosmopolitan Ladies' Quartette	Jan. 16	Intercollegiate Debate	Date later
Blair	Jan. 26	Cantata by College Chorus	Mar. 23
Chicago Musical Club	Feb. 2		